

## **The preventative role of Special Procedures**

Statement by URG

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Thank you Chair, I am pleased to deliver the following statement on behalf of the Universal Rights Group.

By engaging in a cooperative relationship with governments and other national stakeholders, by visiting countries, by providing recommendations for improved compliance, and by mobilizing technical assistance, Special Procedures do play an important primary prevention role.

And by visiting countries and receiving communications, Special Procedures are in principle well placed to gather and bring early warning information to the attention of the Council.

We have three questions for the panel:

1. What more can Special Procedures do to share and analyze early warning information across and within the mechanism.
2. What more can Special Procedures do to strengthen their early warning role as part of the wider UN human rights pillar.
3. What more can Special Procedures do to mobilize capacity-building and technical assistance in support of human rights implementation and resilience.

Thank you.